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A SALOON-KEEPER'S VIEWS.

HE EXPRESSES HIS OPINION ON THE DRINKING QUESTION.

It is the saloon, and it is a necessity.

A well-known saloon-keeper in this town complains that the ministers and temperance advocates are doing him and his fellow business men a gross injustice by continually denouncing saloons as hell-holes and the proprietors of them as devils incarnate. He says he does not wish to be understood as an egotist when he ventures the assertion that the saloon-keepers in Bloomfield, taken as a class, are as good citizens as any other class in the community. He contends that the attempt to socially ostracize the saloon-keeper is a movement of recent origin, and is entirely due to a sentiment worked up by radical temperance advocates who are doing it for effect. He claims that the saloon-keeper pays his taxes as promptly as any other citizen. He also contributes as freely to charity and assists in every movement of a public character. He complains that in all this the saloon-keeper is charged with insincerity; that it is simply a matter of business with him; that he courts popularity in order to lure trade to his saloon.

The charge most frequently made against the saloon-keeper is that of being a violator of the law, by selling beer and liquor on Sunday. The saloon-keeper, whose views are here expressed, maintains that the law requiring the closing of saloons on Sunday is a legislative error. It has its foundation on a higher standing of conduct than men are capable of attaining—in other words, the law is better than the people. He claims that the selling of beer and liquor on Sunday is not so much a matter of profit as it is a circumstance over which the saloon-keeper has no control. His patrons demand that they shall have access to his place on Sunday, and the class who demand it are not the rag-tag and bobtail of the town, but are among the respected element in the community. He says that many men who attend church twice on Sunday drop into his place with a friend or two on that day, and if he were to close the door in their faces and refuse them a drink, he would incur their enmity. He thinks it would be better for public morals if the saloon laws were modified, so that it would not be a breach of the law to keep open doors on Sunday.

He argues that there is much danger in putting laws on the statute book that it is well-known beforehand will be broken by the majority of men with impunity. It brings the majesty of the law into disrepute, and tends to weaken it in all its branches. He admits that some people drink to excess and do themselves and others much injury, but he says this is true in many other things besides drinking. He discards the theology that regards drink as a distillation of the devil. He believes that the ingenuity displayed in concocting pleasant beverages is of the same character and from the same source as that displayed in mechanics and arts. He regards the science of distillation as among the highest of the fine arts, and one on which other arts, such as oratory, music, and poetry, are largely dependent for their proper perfection.

He believes that editors and preachers would find their imaginations accelerated by taking a small drop of "something" just before taking up their pen or beginning their discourse. He regards a lively imagination as the main factor in successful editorial writing or preaching.

He regards the saloon as a political necessity, and believes that the spirit of patriotism would soon reach a very low ebb if the saloon was abolished. His experience teaches him that total abstinence, as a rule, are selfish, and their abstinence is the result of a mental aberration which develops avarice. In his estimation the mission of beer is to promote good will and fellowship. Abstinence, he says, as a rule are morose and taciturn.

"Prohibition," he added, "will never succeed as a political issue because it is based on assumptions that are considered dangerous doctrines in politics. To enforce prohibition the police function of government would have to be greatly enlarged, which is admitted to be a very dangerous power. A government conducted on the principles advocated by prohibitionists would be purely despotic and intolerable." He says the hue and cry about the country going to the dogs on account of the saloons is mere pessimism. The law of supply and demand he asserts applies to saloons in the same degree that it applies to all other branches of business.

"I believe," concluded the saloon-keeper, "that the non-success of many preachers is due to the mistake of symbolizing the saloon as a hell and the

proprietor of it as the devil. Instead of inspiring his hearers with a desire to flee from the wrath to come, he only arouses the comforting reflection that hell is not such a dreadful place and the devil is not such a bad fellow after all."

THESE WEDDINGS.

Scherff-Kirchner.
The marriage of John P. Scherff, the well-known pharmacist of Glenwood Avenue, and Miss Mary Kirchner of Almira Street took place at the residence of the bride's parents at eight o'clock on Wednesday evening. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Henry W. Seibert, pastor of the German Presbyterian Church. The bride was attired in cream silk and carried a bouquet of white roses. She was attended by her sister, Miss Annie Traubner, and the best man was the bride's brother, Emil Kirchner. The parlor was handsomely decorated with smilax and the floral initials S. and K. hung just above the couple's heads. After a wedding supper the newly wedded pair left for New York and from there sailed on the steamer *Normania* on Thursday morning for a three months' tour in Germany, Switzerland, and France. Upon their return they will reside on Fremont Street.

Jacobus-Mitchell.
Charles W. Jacobus, of Montclair, and Miss Mary E. daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Mitchell were married at 8 o'clock on Wednesday night at the home of the bride, No. 81 Race Street. The Rev. R. B. Collins of the Park Methodist Church, performed the ceremony. The bride was attired in white surah silk, trimmed with white lace, and carried a bunch of roses to match. The bridesmaids were the Misses Josephine and Annie Mitchell, sisters of the bride. They wore white albatross. Elmer Essler of Orange and George Jacobus of Montclair were the best men. A reception followed the ceremony, after which the couple started on a trip to the Catskills. They will reside at Montclair.

Cook-Donnelly.
Miss Libbie Donnelly, daughter of H. Donnelly of Belleville, and Percy B. Cook of Newark, were married at 7.30 o'clock on Wednesday night at the home of the bride's parents. The Rev. R. B. Collins of the Park Methodist Church, officiated.

Commencement Exercises.
The nineteenth commencement of the German Theological Seminary was held in Westminster Chapel on Wednesday evening. The church was filled with the friends of the graduates and members of the Alumni. The order of exercises were as follows: Organ voluntary; prayer by the Rev. Dr. C. E. Knox; music, "Remembrance of Spring." Polymnia; address, "The Use and Abuse of Reason in Matters of Religion," Reule J. Buttinghaus, Philadelphia; address, "The Church Reformation in Spain," August Lange, Bloomfield; address, "Urban II. and the First Crusade," John H. Jensen, Bloomfield; alto solo, Miss Carrie Burger of Philadelphia; address, "Signs of the Times," Matthias Mueller, Bloomfield; address, "Why was Augustine's 'De Civitate Dei' Written?" Albert K. Staiger, Philadelphia; music, "Evening Song." Polymnia; presentation of diplomas by the Rev. C. E. Knox. The benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Dr. F. E. Hauser.

Struck by Lightning.
The flag-pole on the "Olympic" on Bloomfield Avenue was struck by lightning during the heavy shower yesterday afternoon, completely shattering it. Relic hunters carried off pieces of the pole. Several trees in this vicinity were also struck.

The chimney on the residence of Henry J. Paxton on Washington Avenue was also struck. The lightning tore the roof off and blackened the kitchen walls. Mrs. Paxton, who was alone in the house, was badly frightened. Damage about \$400.

Fire on Bloomfield Avenue.
A spark from a passing locomotive set fire to the roof of the frame house on Bloomfield Avenue, just north of the Orange branch of the Greenwood Lake Railroad, at ten o'clock on Monday. An alarm from box 39 was sounded and the Fire Department with its usual promptness responded and soon extinguished the flames. The rear axle of the truck was sprung while on the way to the fire, and Active's hose carriage was broken. The loss by the fire was about \$400. Fully insured.

Royal Arcanum Day.
Next Wednesday is Royal Arcanum Day, and the members of Bloomfield Council will observe it by entertaining their friends at Westminster Chapel. As the seating capacity of the chapel is limited tickets of admission have been issued. Past Grand Regent C. E. McDowell is chairman of the Committee having the entertainment in charge.

Happy and content is a home with "The Rochester," a lamp with the light of the morning. Call on Rochester Lamp Co., 4 Park Place, N. Y.

Children's red, and russet shoes at Shoenthal's.—Advt.

TUESDAY'S STORM.

It Was Very Heavy, but Did Not Spoil the Fun at Essex H. & L. Co.'s Annual Meeting.

Sergeant Dunn of the weather office was in a serious dilemma on Tuesday evening. As he looked down from his lofty position on top of the Equitable Building into the streets of the great metropolis and saw the thousands of human beings sweltering in the oppressive heat of one of the hottest June days experienced in years, his heart was touched and he realized that rain would be a great relief to suffering humanity. "Rain we must have," said the compassionate Sergeant. Before pressing the button he cast his eye in the direction of the suburban towns over in Jersey, and it rested on Bloomfield. Then he saw a sight that caused him to pause in his determination. He beheld a scene of activity and bustle in the vicinity of the truck-house on Glenwood Avenue, and it suddenly occurred to him that the anniversary celebration of the great and only "Essex," the pride of the Bloomfield Fire Department, and the peer of any suburban department in any State, was to be celebrated that night. And thus the Sergeant meditated: "If there is any place in this great and glorious republic where they don't want rain to-night it is Bloomfield, and if there is one town deserving of more consideration at the hands of this administration than another it is that same Bloomfield."

While the Sergeant soliloquized, the murmurings of the sweltering thousands in the streets below him sounded afresh on his ear. The Sergeant decided to consult his chief, Uncle "Jerry" Rusk, and leave the deciding of the vexatious problem to him. He accordingly submitted the problem whether it were better to let thousands of Tammany Democrats roast to death by withholding rain in order to permit a fire company in the Republican town of Bloomfield to celebrate their anniversary.

Just at this stage of politics the opportunity to send several thousand Tammany Democrats to Hades would have been quickly seized upon by a man with a smaller heart than beats in the bosom of "Uncle Jerry" Rusk. He quickly responded: "Let it rain. Brave firemen will fear neither water nor fire. As for the Tammany braves, they have squaws and papposes dependent upon them on whom the errors of the braves should not be visited."

On receipt of the magnanimous orders from his large-hearted chief the Sergeant pressed the button. The clouds began to gather, the breezes to stir, the lightning flashes followed one another with instantaneous rapidity, and the thunder began to rumble in the distance. The sight in the heavens was magnificently grand. The bright glow in the western horizon, where it joined the dark storm-clouds, was of peculiar grandeur, evidencing cyclonic disturbances that terrified many beholders. The rain began to fall about half-past seven and came down at short intervals until about ten o'clock.

While rain was a great relief to many sufferers, it was a great disappointment to the members of Essex Hook and Ladder Company, who had made elaborate preparations for entertaining their guests. An improvised table in the pool-room was laden with cakes, sandwiches, and fruit. Tankards of delicious lemonade and iced coffee had been prepared by Jules Magory, and a large quantity of ice-cream was on hand.

The members of the company were nearly all present, but the invited guests were deterred by the storm and only a few of them succeeded in reaching the truck-house. It was after nine o'clock before the assemblage was called to order by the President, Howard B. Davis. The result of the balloting for new officers was announced, and the retiring President Davis vacated the chair and gave place to his successor, Dr. W. H. Van Gieson.

The appeal of the Board of Managers of the Mountsides Hospital to the members of the Fire Department for funds for the new hospital building was read. President Van Gieson, Frank G. Tower, and C. E. McDowell urged the importance of the appeal and advocated a liberal response by the firemen. Mr. Tower made a very eloquent address, in which he said he hoped the members of Essex would stand second to none among the companies that would respond to the appeal for the hospital. Mr. Tower said that the Bloomfield ladies, whose names appeared in the Board of Managers, had interested themselves in behalf of Essex Hook and Ladder Company at various times during its history.

The President appointed Messrs. Tower, Ackerman, and W. U. Oakes to solicit subscriptions for the fund.

Foreman E. D. Ackerman's report stated that the company had responded to nineteen alarms during the year, and the total amount of actual fire duty performed was sixteen hours. Each member's average was read off, George Heath being the only member who responded

to every alarm during the year. This announcement was greeted with applause. Three members resigned from active service in the company during the year, and seven new members were taken in. Appropriate mention was made of the deaths during the year of the Chaplain of the Company, the Rev. Robert S. Carlin, and ex-Town Committeeman M. A. Dailey, an honorary member. The success of the excursion to Lake Hopatcong last year was spoken of and due credit given to William U. Oakes for his untiring zeal and energy in making it a success. Attention was called to the fact that the company would give an excursion to Iona Island on August 9, and the members were urged to devote their energies toward making it a grand affair.

After dispensing with business, the entertainment was proceeded with. Some of the talent expected was kept away by the storm, but every cloud has its silver lining, and fortunately for Essex and their friends that local prince of humorists, John F. Dillon, came to the rescue, and like the lamented imitator George L. Fox the appearance of Mr. Dillon at once dispelled the gloom, and at the conclusion of his "Ta-Ra-Ra-Boom-De-Ay" all thoughts of storm and absent ones had passed away. Mr. Dillon's parody on this song contained many happy hits directed at popular members of the company. He simply "brought down the house." Mr. Dillon was in prime condition Tuesday night and many of his jokes and songs were new to the audience. He was loudly applauded and frequently recalled. A piano solo was performed by Mr. Parker. The Rev. Dr. H. W. Ballantine and the Rev. E. A. White of Christ Church made brief addresses in response to the request of the President. Other short addresses were made. There was an abundance of refreshments, and notwithstanding impossible circumstances the ninth anniversary celebration can be put down as a success.

The following officers for the ensuing year were elected: President, Dr. W. H. Van Gieson; Vice-President, George B. Smith; Secretary, William L. Moir; Treasurer, Charles H. Johnson; Foreman, Edgar D. Ackerman; Assistant Foreman, William U. Oakes; Clerk, George S. Reford; Chaplain, Rev. Dr. H. W. Ballantine. Trustees, Frank G. Tower, W. L. Johnson, J. Howard Hardcastle, and Lewis Dawkins.

Junior Order of American Mechanics.
Next Monday evening a meeting will be held in Knights of Honor Hall, on Glenwood Avenue, for the purpose of completing arrangements to form a council of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. As set forth in the circular the objects of this order are "To maintain and promote the interests of Americans, and shield them from the depressing effects of foreign competition; to assist Americans in obtaining employment; to encourage Americans in business; to establish a sick and funeral fund; to maintain the public-school system of the United States of America, and to prevent sectarian interference therewith and uphold the reading of the Holy Bible therein." Any white male person born in the United States, its Territories, or under the protection of its flag, who shall have attained the age of sixteen years is eligible to membership. It is said that a large number of names have been signed to the charter list, and the council will be instituted before long.

The Alumni of the German Theological Seminary.

The Alumni Association of the German Theological Seminary met in the German Presbyterian Church on Tuesday afternoon. Twenty of the graduates of the seminary were present, among whom were the Rev. John Richelson of Philadelphia, the Rev. George C. Miller of Lawrence, Mass.; the Rev. Arnold W. Flisner of Brooklyn; the Rev. H. C. Gruhnert of Orange, the Rev. W. A. Nordt of Newark, the Rev. J. H. Wolf of Newark, the Rev. E. R. Stier of Sayreville, the Rev. E. O. A. Wirth of Nyack. Supper was served in the parsonage by the young ladies of the church. Officers were elected for the year as follows: President, the Rev. George Christoph Miller of Lawrence, Mass.; Vice-President, Paul Hermann Schnatz of New York; the Rev. Frederick C. Erhardt of New York, Secretary and Treasurer.

Increase in Mail Matter.

The business at the Post Office shows an increase, occasioned no doubt by free delivery. In the southern district, of which Watessing is a part, the mail delivery is very large, so much so that one carrier cannot do the work. Last Saturday morning the mail was so large that Carrier Hall was compelled to make three trips. Another carrier should be appointed for this district and will in all probability be very shortly. Frank P. Oudman of Montgomery Avenue has been appointed a substitute.

Men's boys' and youth's patent-leather shoes at Shoenthal's, 312 Glenwood Avenue.—Advt.

Buy your fireworks at Dancer's.—Advt.

CHILDREN'S DAY.

HOW IT WAS OBSERVED BY PRESBYTERIANS AND METHODISTS.

Westminster Sunday-school's Anniversary.

Last Sunday evening the twenty-second anniversary of the Westminster Sunday-school was celebrated in the chapel, which was handsomely decorated with flowers and potted plants for the occasion. After a prayer by the pastor, singing and responsive reading from the Bible by the school, the reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were read, both of which showed very creditable work on the part of the school. The Secretary, Mr. Kidder, announced that there were 197 scholars and teachers in the school, and that the average attendance for the year had been 130. He made a very earnest appeal to the scholars to feel it their duty to be in their places at every session of the school during the coming year, and so materially increase the average attendance.

The Treasurer, Mr. Hardcastle, reported that the Sunday-school had contributed \$780 to the church-building fund, and about \$360 to foreign missions, besides smaller amounts to other objects.

Then followed a very pretty exercise by the infant school, called "The Child's Garden." Collectively and individually the little ladies did so well that it does not seem just the right thing perhaps to pick one out for special mention; but the little lady in question is so very little and so very young that we are sure we will be excused, and then the smallest tots are always privileged on such occasions. We refer to little Cornelia Fitch, who cannot be much over four years old, but spoke her little piece with all the confidence of an adult and all the pretty airs and graces of a child, raising a general and hearty laugh of approval by the quaint little bow at the end.

Mr. Peter Carter of New York then made an interesting address, taking for his theme "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners." Mr. Carter has been engaged in Sunday-school work in the city for over fifty years, and was listened to with marked interest by the large audience as he told of some of his experience among the very poor in New York city.

After some brief but very interesting remarks by Mr. Paul, rewards were distributed for good attendance. Two of the boys had records that it would be hard to match. One, Frank Loesch, had not missed a day in nine years, while the other, Enoch Chatterton, had missed but one day in ten years.

The exercises were brought to a close by singing "Church of God, Awake," and the benediction by the pastor. A prettier or more entertaining Sunday-school celebration than this of Westminster has not been seen in Bloomfield for many a long year.

First Presbyterian Church.

Children's Day was observed at the First Presbyterian Church last Sunday by the entire morning service being devoted to the children. The church was prettily decorated, and the altar was fairly covered with flowers. At the opening of the service the large infant class marched into the church singing, and presented a very pretty sight. They were followed by the balance of the Sunday-school. The Rev. Dr. Ballantine held the close attention of the little ones by relating the history of a Japanese boy, who left his home, coming to this country and securing an education, after which he returned to Japan and established the Christian religion in his native country. The singing by the choir was especially good, solos being rendered by Mrs. Crowell, Miss Maude Freeman and Arthur Davis.

Park M. E. Church.

The exercises at the Park M. E. Church last Sunday morning were of a very interesting nature, and the decorations were beautiful. "In Blossom Time" was the title of the service used by the school, and the singing and recitations were well rendered. The little ones of the infant department performed their part of the programme very creditably. The design consisted of a large Gothic arch, the sides of which were so made that vases of daisies were placed in them on shelves arranged for that purpose. It was covered with evergreens. Over the top in red letters the word "Seek Me Early" were placed. To complete a part of the service, consisting of an exercise by fourteen girls entitled "Rosy Hours," a large clock was made, the pendulum being large enough to hold a small child. As the exercise proceeded a little girl was seated in the pendulum; the clock began to tick as she moved back and forth, and the hours were struck as called for in the place. This clock arrangement was something very unique and new. It was trimmed with ever-

greens and daisies. Besides the designs there were large banks of roses and daisies arranged very tastefully. Mr. F. H. Whitney designed the clock. The pastor and superintendent both spoke to the children, using the clock as a figure. The day and its exercises will long be remembered by the school.

THE ODOR WAS STRONG.

And It Sickened People in the Vicinity of the Disposal Works.

Great indignation prevailed among the residents of Westcott and Thornton Streets last Saturday evening owing to the nauseating stench emitted from the East Orange sewerage disposal works. The people residing in the vicinity of the disposal works have never experienced so much annoyance as on last Saturday evening. The stench was sickening, and many were overcome by it. The doors and windows of the houses were closed tight to keep the smell out of the rooms. It only lasted about three hours and must have been occasioned by something unusual going on at the works.

Property owners in that locality are loath to admit that the disposal works is a nuisance, owing to a fear that such an admission would tend to depreciate the value of their property. Last Saturday evening's experience, however, caused them to denounce the works in the severest terms. They are all anxious to have the works removed and are hoping that East Orange will eventually make some arrangement to use the Orange sewer.

A Birthday Gift.

The fifty-seventh birthday of the Rev. Dr. Hauser, Professor of Exegesis and Hebrew History at the German Theological Seminary, occurred on Sunday. On Monday morning the students held a celebration in honor of the event. They marched to Dr. Hauser's study in a body, and after congratulating him presented the Doctor with an elegant crayon portrait of himself. The presentation speech was made by one of the seniors, Matthew Muller, who was one of the graduates on Wednesday night. Dr. Hauser expressed his thanks in a brief speech.

High School Commencement Exercises.

Commencement exercises of the Bloomfield High School will be held in the First Presbyterian Church on Friday evening, the 24th inst. There will be the usual ceremony. An opening prayer will be offered by the Rev. R. B. Collins of the Park M. E. Church; an address to the graduates will be made by the Rev. E. A. White of Christ Church; Trustee J. Banks Reford will present the diplomas, and the benediction will be pronounced by the Rev. Frank J. Goodwin of the Glen Ridge, Congregational Church.

A Reception at the Country Club.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Niven of Snowden Place celebrated their fifteenth wedding anniversary Monday night by a reception at the Essex County Country Club. The rooms were profusely decorated with plants and flowers. About one hundred guests were present. Dancing and other forms of amusement were indulged in until midnight, when a supper was served by W. H. Thorp, steward of the Country Club. Music was furnished by Professor Issler of Newark.

Caught Fire from a Gas-Jet.

A lace curtain caught fire from a gas-jet at the residence of Frank G. Tower, on Hillside Avenue, last Monday night, and the room was soon ablaze. Mr. Tower, who was sitting on the front piazza, had his attention drawn to the flames by the reflection in the front yard. After hard work the fire was extinguished, but not before it had damaged the carpet, furniture, etc., to the extent of about one hundred dollars.

Afraid of the Razor.

Hannah Wertz (colored) of Glenwood Avenue complained to Justice Post on Sunday night that Lillian Sisco, also colored, residing in the same house, had threatened to cut her with a razor, and that she was afraid the woman would carry out her threat. The fair Lillian was brought before the Justice by Officer Foster and placed under bonds to keep the peace.

A Pastor Installed.

The installation of the Rev. August Lange, a graduate of the German Theological Seminary took place at the Carlstadt German Church on Thursday night. Among the speakers were the Rev. Dr. Knox, the Rev. Dr. Seibert, and Rev. Dr. Hauser of the Seminary.

"The Last Day of Skule."

A jolly evening is promised to all who attend the performance given by the East Orange Lawn Tennis Association in Montclair Club Hall next Friday evening at quarter after eight o'clock. The proceeds go to help the building fund of the Mountsides Hospital.

In Memory of Mr. Carlin.

The ladies of Christ Episcopal Church are soon to place an altar step in the church in memory of their late rector, the Rev. R. S. Carlin.

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